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Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

An Office Action of October 9, 2001 has been received, and a response will be filed in due course.

However, in the Office Action, the examiner refers, in numbered paragraphs 2 and 3, that drawings are required for the application. That requirement is not understood, since this application already has drawings. There are three sheets of drawings for the application, and copies are appended hereto.

If the examiner is requiring anything further, it is requested that the examiner telephone the undersigned. Otherwise, the response to the Office Action will not deal with the drawing issue, since it appears that something has been overlooked or the Patent and Trademark Office has mislaid its drawing copies.

October 24, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's first Office Action of October 9, 2001, it is requested that the application be amended as follows:

In the Drawings:

Appended hereto is a copy of figure 2 showing a proposed change indicated in red.

Approval is requested.

In the Specification:

Page 1, after the title, add the heading -- Background of the Invention-